(c) whether the escapers have since been apprehended; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two criminals, who had been arested in case FIR No. 32/92 under section 380/458 IPC registered at police station Vasant Vihar, Delhi escaped from R. K. Puram Police lock up on 21-4-92 at 2.20 AM by making a hole in the rear wall of Police Station lock up. A case FIR No. 231, dated 21-4-92 under section 223/224 IPC Police Station R. K. Puram was registered and investigation entrusted to Crime Branch.

(b) Yes, Sir. Enquiries were conducted by the Addl. C.P. (Southern Range), and five police officials were placed under suspension and the SHO transferred.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Among the measure taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents are :—

1. detailing of two sentries, one in front and one in the rear of the Police lock up;
2. Illumination of premises of the Police Stations; and
3. Night checking of lock ups by officers.

ULFA's Links with Foreign Powers

1008. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA has links with some Foreign Powers; and

(b) if so, the names of these Foreign Powers and action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Reports indicate that ULFA has established camps/bases in Bangladesh and also in Myanmar. Although ULFA has no base in Pakistan, there is information to indicate that some ULFA cadre have been trained in that country.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Visit of British Delegation to Punjab

1009. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Delegation led by Mr. Mark Lennox Boyd; Parliamentary Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, visited Punjab on the 6th March, 1992;

(b) whether Government's prior permission was obtained and by whom the delegation was invited;

(c) what was the purpose of the visit of the British delegation, with names of the places visited and persons to whom the delegation met; and

(d) whether Government have received any report about the discussions held by the delegation and if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir.

1010. [*Transferred to the 14th May, 1992.*]